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INITIATE SCHEDULING OF PROCESSING OF A DESIRED PROGRAM INCLUDING: A) PROGRAM RECORDING.

B) PROGRAM PLAYBACK, OR

C) PROGRAM TUNING AND DISPLAY

TUNE TO RECEIVE COMPOSITE PROGRAM GUIDE INFORMATION CONTAINING PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIRED PROGRAM

PRODUCED BY A FIRST BROADCAST SOURCE

RETRIEVE FROM MEMORY A PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION PARAMETER COMPRISING A PROGRAM CONTENT RATING OF THE DESIRED PROGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE FIRST BROADCAST SOURCE

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1) VALIDATE USER AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS THE DESIRED PROGRAM BY COMPARING THE PROGRAM CONTENT RATING FROM THE FIRST BROADCAST SOURCE WITH A PREDETERMINED USER SPECIFIC RATING PROFILE COMPRISING A MAXIMUM RATING THRESHOLD THAT IS SUBJECT TO OVERRIDE.

2) SCHEDULE PROGRAM PROCESSING UPON SUCCESSFUL VALIDATION.

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DETERMINE A PROGRAM CONTENT RATING OF THE DESIRED PROGRAM FROM A PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION PARAMETER RECEIVED FROM A SECOND BROADCAST SOURCE

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MAP THE PROGRAM CONTENT RATING FROM THE SECOND SOURCE TO A CONTENT RATING SYSTEM OF THE FIRST SOURCE

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SELECT A PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION PARAMETER (A PROGRAM CONTENT RATING IN THIS EXAMPLE) BASED ON THE BROADCAST SOURCE OF THE PARAMETER AND DISPLAY THE RATING IN A PROGRAM GUIDE, FOR EXAMPLE.

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VALIDATE USER AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS THE DESIRED PROGRAM BY COMPARING THE SELECTED PROGRAM CONTENT RATING WITH A PREDETERMINED USER SPECIFIC RATING PROFILE COMPRISING A MAXIMUM RATING THRESHOLD

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INITIATE PROCESSING OF THE DESIRED PROGRAM UPON SUCCESSFUL VALIDATION OF USER AUTHORIZATION TO ACCESS THE DESIRED PROGRAM



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FIGURE 5

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